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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-14, 16-21, 23-28 and 30-32 are pending, in which claims 4, 11, 15, 22 and 29 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28 are currently amended. Care was exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

The Office Action mailed December 14, 2005 rejected claims 1, 2, 5-9, 12-14, 16-20, 23-27 and 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by *Dorward et al.* (US 6,388,584).

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 3, 4, 10, 11, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29 are allowable if rewritten in independent form.

To advance prosecution, Applicants recast claims 3, 10, 21 and 28 in independent form, and thus, should be indicated as allowed.

Moreover, independent claims 1, 8, 14, 19 and 26 were amended to incorporate the allowable features found in respective dependent claims 4, 11, 15, 22 and 29 (now canceled).

In view of the amendment, the anticipation rejection over *Dorward et al.* is rendered moot. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 5-9, 12-14, 16-20, 23-27 and 30-32 are allowable.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the rejection of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (301) 601-7252 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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